

can easily imagine with what delight Sister Slotter spends her time reveling among those books.

On Tuesday forenoon, June 26, 1900, there came to the home of President J. Allen Miller and wife a young lady who, if she lives, expects to remain in that home for at least quite a number of years. The newcomer is one of those helpless creatures who need much care, and fortunately she could not have come to a better place, for two hearts already go out in most loving and tender affection toward her. The President of Ashland College now goes about with a proud air and dignity that would become a learned senator of the United States, and Brother E. J. Worst, known to a great many of our readers, seems to be profoundly "tickled" with the appellation, "Grandpa." Accept congratulations.

The reader is referred to the appeal by Brother Cassel in behalf of our missions. It is to be regretted that Brother Cassel should so frequently be called to perform this unpleasant task of begging for our missions. What makes begging necessary? Do we not regard it as our duty to support these missions? Free will offerings should keep the treasury of the national mission board constantly replenished. It is to be hoped that there may be a ready response to this call of the secretary of the board, and that the board may come to the national Conference with no shortage whatever. It is the Lord's business and should be attended to with promptness. Every member of the church should come to realize that it is not only a duty but a privilege to support this work. The members of the board are but the servants of the church, elected to that position to transact our business for us, but if we give them no business there will be nothing for them to do.

Brother Darling seems to be getting popular in Pittsburg outside his own church. A prominent paper in that city gives large display head lines to his last Sabbath's sermon, and prints the following extract from the sermon:

Rev. Roger E. Darling, pastor of the First Brethren Church, preached last evening from the text, "I'll believe only what I see," John 20:25. He said in part: "There are many to-day similar to Thomas. They must have the testimony of both sight and touch, requiring external, supernatural evidence before they believe; like the Jews, requiring a sign. But this demand is unreasonable, because we are surrounded everywhere by the invisible. 'There are more things in earth and sky, Horatio, than is dreamed of in our philosophy.' The main forces of the universe are silent and unseen, namely heat, light, air, electricity and gravity.

"There is mystery in life, soul, hope and love. To say 'I'll believe only what I see' sinks us into rationalism, and infidelity and is 'more worthy the intellect of a Calaban than that of a Milton or Newton.' We be-

come blind to higher things, and death to us is the end. Faith and reason should walk together, but one should not take the place of the other. Faith is that which binds us to God. It is the tendril of the ivy that clasps the giant oak. Without faith we would be of all men the most miserable. Everyone has faith until it comes to religion. Then men call a halt and ask 'why.'

"Unbelief is shutting millions out of heaven. 'Be not faithless but believing.' Oh, that we might pray 'Lord, increase our faith.' Then and not until then will we have power with God."

Brief Notes

Satan destroys; Jesus saves.

God remembers mercy even in judgment.

Those who forsake God always bring judgment upon themselves.

To live Christianity is more important and worth more than to preach it.

The more we know of God, and the greater the favor he has shown us, the sorer is our sin if we forsake him.

On the wall of a college Young Woman's Christian Association room is the opening line of that hymn, "Take time to be holy."

Nothing should keep any one from coming to Christ, and nothing can keep any one from coming to him if he wants to. It is a matter of will. Say I will and it is done.

The world as a rule gets its conception of Christianity, not from text books, nor from the Bible, for they seldom read either, but from the lives of professed Christians. What kind of a book on evidence is your life?

When God wants men for responsible positions and important trusts, he does not look for them in saloons, on street corners, in gambling shops, but among those who have proven themselves faithful and diligent in the smaller affairs of life.

For once the papers announce the will of a very sensible infidel. He was a man of some means, and the whole of \$150,000 with the exception of \$4,000 was given to religious and charitable organizations. No explanation was made but the fact itself is most eloquent. It puts to shame many professed Christians.

A colored preacher in Georgia has a unique way of making sure that none of his parishioners let the contribution plate pass unnoticed: He said, "We have a collection for foreign and domestic missions this morning, brethren and sisters, and for de glory ob heaben, whicheber one ob you stole widow Johnson's sheep don't put a cent on de plate." He got a good collection.

Two young men in New York recently rode their bicycles across a railroad bridge over 300 feet high, and a quarter of a mile long riding on the siding which was only twelve inches wide. They did it "to break the record." They broke the record and advertised themselves—as what? As the biggest fools in the country. Boys often walk over the arches of country bridges or perform other dangerous feats just to show their smartness and daring. But it is neither smart nor brave to risk life without just cause.

Japan is now one of the principal actors in the orient. Progressive and powerful she shows the effect of touch with civilization and Christianity. A generation ago the island empire was as backward and exclusive as China, but the good work of our commodore Perry opened the door, and our western

influence did the rest. Today the doors of China are being forced open. Let us hope that the transformation there may be as great and as good. The heaven of the kingdom works in many, many ways.

The superior of a convent for women in Chicago refused to give the names of the inmates to the census taker. The members of such places renounce their civil names and are supposed to be "dead to the world." The idea of consecrating one's life to the service of humanity is Christian enough, but the idea of monasticism, especially in the past, that to be holy one must withdraw from the company of people and neglect the body, is wholly unchristian and pernicious. "Not that thou shouldst take them out of the world but that thou shouldst keep them from the evil that is in the world." John 17:15.

The present uprising of the "boxers" in China is like an eruption on the body which reveals bad blood within. It has been the policy of the empire from time immemorial to be exclusive. The present empress dowager is an educated woman but openly opposes foreign civilization. The worship of ancestors which causes the people to go for their wisdom solely to the teachings of the ancient sages is responsible for such a condition. China has a system of popular education and there is an educational test for civil officers, but the knowledge required is that of the classics. Thus being tied to the past renders all progress impossible. One Chinese student in an examination wrote, "I constantly felicitate myself that I have been born in China and not in other parts of the world where the people, far removed from the elevating teachings of the ancient sages, eat roots and live in holes in the earth." At last this ignorance is to be supplanted, not only by the gentle teaching of the missionary but also by the hard hand of force. Bigotry is once more over-doing itself and bringing on its own destruction.

The largest city of America is disgraced by a mayor in shameless alliance with one of the most wanton trusts of the country. The ice trust of New York has doubled the price of that commodity and thus many poor will be driven to do without it and in the heated, dusty city the lives of many sick may be lost in consequence. But lives do not weigh with the trust nor the mayor. Neither do morals. Money is the only thing and for it conspiracy, treachery and perjury have blackened the record of the first mayor of greater New York. But who is to blame? When the contest was on one of the cleanest, soundest and most intelligent men of the country, Seth Low, President of Columbia University, was a candidate for mayor. Yet the people of New York turned him down and elected this vicious tool of Tammany to rule over them. They did it knowingly. That margin of "good" people who might have turned the election the other way, were indifferent to their political duty and allowed the saloon element to win the day. Now all must suffer the consequences. How truly the great historian Bryce has said, "The municipal government of cities is the one conspicuous failure of America." But public conscience will not sleep forever. Such events as this will one day be matters of history only.

Matrimonial

BEPLER—MILLER—At the home of the bride's mother, Meyersdale, Pa., June 5, 1900, by the undersigned, Mr. Charley W. Bepler and sister Barbara Miller. These estimable young people start out on the matrimonial voyage with the best wishes of a host of friends. May the best benediction of a Divine providence be theirs is our prayer.

JOHN H. KNEPPER.

EXMAN—SWITZER.—Married at the home of the bride, two and one half miles northeast of Pleasant Hill, May the 29, Mr. Henry Exman and Miss Laura Switzer. May the usual blessings attend them down the steps of time.

M. S. WHITE.